REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing and early and favorable consideration of the subject application on the merits are respectfully requested. By the present amendment, claims 4-6, 9-12, 24-26, 29-32, and 47-54 have been canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Claims 1-3, 7-8, 13-14, 17-18, 21-23, 27-28, 33-34, 37-38, and 41-46 have been amended to more precisely define the claimed invention. In particular, claims 1-3, 7-8, 13-14, 17-18, 21-23, 27-28, 33-34, 37-38, and 41-46 have been amended to recite methods of increasing the concentration and/or ratio of specific molecules in neurons, rather than methods of treatment. These amendments derive support from throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

Turning now to the Official Action, requiring restriction under 35 USC 121, Applicants hereby elect, albeit with traverse, the claims of Group I, claims 1-3, 14, and 18, claims 4 and 47 having been canceled by the present Amendment.

According to MPEP 803, "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even thought it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions."

Applicants note that, according to the Restriction Requirement, the claims in all of the Groups identified by the Examiner are classified "in class 514, subclass 44."

Applicants thus respectfully submit that it would not pose a serious burden for the Examiner to examine all of the claims of record in the present case, as a complete search for all of these claims would take place in a single class and subclass, and thus would necessarily overlap. Accordingly, rejoinder and examination of all of the claims of record on the merits is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

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In the event that there are any questions concerning this Amendment, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

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